GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SURVEY FOR OIL AND GAS DISCOVERIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where survey for oil and gas discoveries/exploration work is being carried out in the country as on date and the details of companies engaged therein, State-wise;

(b) the total amount spent on survey and exploration works by these companies during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has done any analysis of the survey reports received in this regard during said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) Hydrocarbon exploration in the country is being carried out by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Oil India Limited (OIL) and Private / Joint Venture (JV) Companies in the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Names of the Companies are given in the annex.

(b) The exploration expenditure made by ONGC, OIL and Private / JV Companies in the last 3 years are as under:-

	(Rs. in crores)		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
ONGC	2542.30	3277.68	3888.71
OIL	303.17	290.55	528.60
Private/JV	392.97	411.42	105.79

(c) to (e) Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) is monitoring the exploration activities carried out by Private / JV Companies and national oil companies. Recently under the sixth round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), Government of India have offered 55 exploration blocks including 24 blocks from onland areas, 6 blocks shallow water and 25 blocks from deepwater areas. The bid closing date for these blocks is 15.9.2006.